



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MONROE STREET DAM ROCK REMOVAL AND RELOCATION

Description of Proposal:

The Monroe Street Dam is located within an incised bedrock channel. The Spokane River transports a variety of sediment ranging in size from fine grained material to coarse sized gravels and cobbles. Fine grained sediment tends to remain suspended in the River and is either carried over the dam or passed through the penstock. The coarser grained sands, gravels, and cobbles often accumulate in front of the dam intake structure with the amount of accumulation largely dependent upon Winter and Spring flows. Periodic dredging of the accumulated material is required to prevent failure of the turbine trash rack and to restore the generation capacity of the dam. Avista proposes to continue periodic dredging of the accumulated material as necessary on an annual basis.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed work area is located on the south shore of the Spokane River at River Mile 74, adjacent to the Monroe Street Dam in Spokane County, Washington. The proposed work area is located on Spokane County Assessors tax parcel number 35185.0053 which consists of 31 acres, a portion of which extends into the Spokane River. Avista owns the land on which the proposed work activities would take place, as well as the property in the immediate vicinity of the proposed work area.

Section 18 (SW), Township 25N, Range 43E. WMThe enclosed Direction Map (Figure 1), Vicinity Map (Figure 2), and Plan View Map (Figure 3) display the project location.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **November 12, 12009**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the

proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: October 29, 2009

SIGNATURE:

Teresa A. Eturaspe

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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